

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Professional truck drivers deliver important goods safely to every home, community, school and business in America, traveling more than 200 billion miles delivering 8 billion tons of freight each year; and,

Whereas, America's and South Dakota's professional truck drivers have been honored as among the safest drivers on our highways, and many have been honored for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery for saving fellow motorists from injury and death, and;

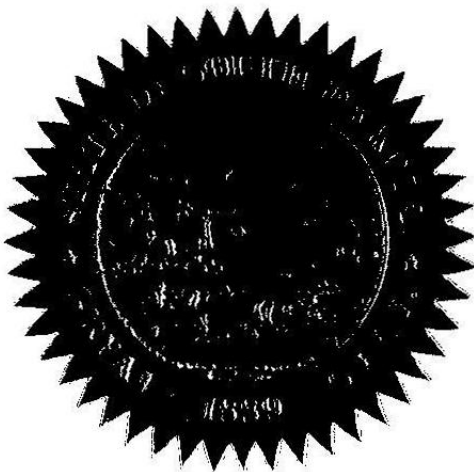
Whereas, In recognition of the importance of professional truck drivers to our well-being and the economic value of their industry to South Dakota and to the United States, it is proper to honor men and women truckers for their past and future contributions; and,

Whereas, The economic system of this country rides on the wheels of the truck; the men and women who drive these trucks keep that system going:

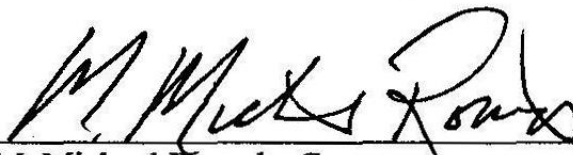
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 22-28, 2004, as

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK


in South Dakota, and I call upon individuals and organizations, business and industry leaders, educators, the communications media, and the citizens of South Dakota to join me and South Dakota governmental agencies in observing this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and expressing gratitude to America's truckers for their professionalism and commitment to safety.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State